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Preparing our Workforce



Dear Friends,

Across Rhode Island, I continue to hear from employers who cannot find workers with the skills needed to fill open jobs in manufacturing, information technology, and other skilled trades. As co-chair of the bipartisan Congressional Career and Technical Education (CTE) Caucus, strengthening our workforce and closing this skills gap is a top priority of mine. I am working in Congress to support investment in CTE, which equips students with the tools they need to succeed in high-growth, high-skill fields. CTE is an investment in the future of our workforce and our economy, and I'm proud to be an original cosponsor of the Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act, which recently passed the House of Representatives with broad bipartisan support.

This bill will go a long way toward improving and expanding CTE programs in Rhode Island and across the country. By reauthorizing and revising Carl D. Perkins Act programs, it will align CTE programs with industry needs, improve collaboration among community stakeholders, promote work-based learning, and support career

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BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Annual three-day festival celebrating summer!

July 27-29

Narragansett, RI

Did You Know...?

PASSPORT TIP

Passport agencies expect a surge of expiring passports in 2018. Check your passport if you plan on traveling next year, and don't hesitate to contact my RI office if we can be of help! >>

FAST FACT

July is National Parks and Recreation Month. Enjoy the beautiful state parks and outdoor recreation areas Rhode Island has to offer. >>

In Other News

LUNCH WITH LANGEVIN

Rep. Langevin hosted his 11th Lunch with Langevin event and received a lot of great feedback from his constituents. Stay tuned for

counselors.

The Ocean State has several exemplary CTE programs that served more than 14,000 high school students in the 2014-2015 school year – 95 percent of whom graduated. These programs also served more than 1,800 CTE postsecondary students – 76 percent of whom earned a credential, certificate or degree. The Community College of Rhode Island's Chemical Technology program, for example, has a nearly 100 percent placement rate at local businesses. The Strengthening Career and Technical Education for the 21st Century Act will empower CTE programs throughout the state and country to build on these successes and expand innovative learning opportunities.

I hope the Senate will move swiftly to take up this bill in order to prepare our workforce to meet the evolving demands of employers and thrive in the 21st Century economy.

Keep up with my efforts on CTE and many other issues on [my website](#) and [blog](#) and follow me on [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [YouTube](#) and [Instagram](#).

Sincerely,

Jim Langevin



Climate Security Is National Security

Communities like my hometown of Warwick and many others across the Ocean State have become all too familiar with the environmental and economic risks posed by climate change, but the national security risks often go undiscussed.

Numerous leaders from our defense community have acknowledged that a volatile climate is a serious threat, and I am thrilled the House Armed Services Committee passed my amendment to the defense authorization bill that requires an assessment of the effects of climate change on the Military.



Americans Deserve Better

The Senate unveiled its version of a health care bill that according to the Congressional Budget Office will result in 22 million people being uninsured by 2026. Like the American Health Care Act, which passed the House in May despite my

details on the next Lunch with Langevin! >>

FOSTER OUR YOUTH

Rep. Langevin is co-chair of the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth and a proud supporter of foster care legislation to help modernize and strengthen our child welfare system. >>

CLIMATE SECURITY IS NATIONAL SECURITY

Rep. Langevin penned an op-ed, published in *The Hill*, highlighting climate change as a threat to the national security of the United States. >>

DETECTING RUSSIAN AGGRESSION

Rep. Langevin, along with 22 House Armed Services Committee members, introduced a bill to boost deterrence against Russian aggression. >>

WEIGHING IN

Rep. Langevin was on MSNBC to discuss growing unity after the Virginia shooting, as well as the investigation into Russian interference in the election. >>

CYBER AWARD

Rep. Langevin was a recipient of the CompTIA 2017 Excellence in Cybersecurity Award for his ongoing work in cybersecurity. >>

SHOWING PRIDE

Rep. Langevin joined the nation in celebrating June as LGBT Pride Month, a time to rejoice in America's diversity and recommit to the fight for equality for all. >>

strong opposition, the Senate's proposal will have devastating implications for the health of Rhode Islanders. I urge my colleagues to recognize the consequences of this plan before taking a vote that will undermine affordable and accessible health coverage for families across the country.

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